

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims, if entered, will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of converting a personal computer for communicating information on a broadband communication network, said personal computer having a user and a physical location, comprising:

upgrading the broadband communication network to extend broadband service boundaries into a new geographic area;

updating a database to include a plurality of physical locations within the new geographic area;

determining accessing the database to determine whether said physical location falls within ~~a set of~~ the extended service boundaries for said broadband communication network;

if said physical location falls within said extended service boundaries, electronically offering said user access to said broadband communication network;

receiving from said user an electronic order accepting said offer;

remotely qualifying said personal computer for said broadband communication network by determining whether said personal computer meets predetermined acceptance criteria for use of said broadband communication network; and

fulfilling said order by

initiating an automation agent on said personal computer to interact with the user and thereby configure a modem coupled to said personal computer for access to said broadband communication network, and

~~automatically configuring an asset of said broadband communication network to communicate with said personal computer, wherein~~

~~said automatically configuring said asset is performed by an  
automation server of said broadband communication  
network.~~

2. (Original) The conversion method of claim 1, wherein said broadband communication network is a DSL network.

3. (Original) The conversion method of claim 2, wherein said qualifying step further comprises using a narrowband modem to contact a DSL line qualification server to test a physical line outside of said broadband communication network.

4. (Original) The conversion method of claim 1, wherein said broadband communication network is a cable network.

5. (Previously Presented ) The conversion method of claim 4, wherein said qualifying step further comprises detecting a carrier signal from said broadband communication network.

6. (Original) The conversion method of claim 5, wherein said carrier signal has a signal strength and a set of error codes, and wherein said qualifying step is based at least in part upon said signal strength and said error codes.

7. (Original) The conversion method of claim 1, wherein said user is selected for said offer based on preestablished criteria.

8. (Currently Amended) The conversion method of claim 6, wherein at least some of said criteria are stored in ~~a subscriber profile~~ the database.

9. (Original) The conversion method of claim 1, wherein said broadband communication network is an ISDN network.

10. (Original) The conversion method of claim 1, wherein said broadband communication network is a wireless network.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for configuring a personal computer for communicating over a broadband communication network, said system comprising:  
~~an automation agent software program residing on said personal computer; and~~  
an automation server remote from but in electrical communication with said personal computer, wherein said automation server is configured to receive from said personal computer an electronic order, in response to such order to remotely qualify said personal computer ~~for~~ to use one of several different services offered on said broadband communication network by determining whether said personal computer meets predetermined acceptance criteria ~~for use of~~ to use the one of the several different services offered on said broadband communication network; and to automatically fulfill said order by initiating said ~~an~~ automation agent on said personal computer to configure a modem coupled to said personal computer ~~for access to~~ use the one of the several different services offered on said broadband communication network ~~and automatically configuring an asset of said broadband communication network to interact with said personal computer wherein said automatically configuring said asset is performed by an automation server of said broadband communication network.~~

12. (Original) The configuration system of claim 11, wherein said broadband communication network is a DSL network.

13. (Original) The configuration system of claim 12, wherein said automation agent instantiates a narrowband modem to contact a DSL line qualification server to test a physical line.

14. (Original) The configuration system of claim 11, wherein said broadband communication network is a cable network.

15. (Currently Amended) The configuration system of claim 14, wherein said automation agent ~~instantiates~~ is configured to initiate detection of a carrier signal from said broadband communication network.

16. (Original) The configuration system of claim 15, wherein said carrier signal has a signal strength and a set of error codes, and wherein said signal strength and said error codes are used by said automation agent when qualifying said personal computer.

17. (Original) The configuration system of claim 11, wherein said user is selected for said offer based on preestablished criteria.

18. (Original) The configuration system of claim 17, wherein at least some of said criteria are stored in a subscriber profile database.

19. (Original) The configuration system of claim 11, wherein said broadband communication network is an ISDN network.

20. (Original) The configuration system of claim 11, wherein said broadband communication network is a wireless network.

21. – 33. (Cancelled)